

**REMARKS**

With this amendment, Applicant cancels claims 15-26 without prejudice or disclaimer to put the present application in better form for appeal. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application directed to claims 15-26.

Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant is appealing the rejection of claims 1-12. A Notice of Appeal is being filed herewith.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

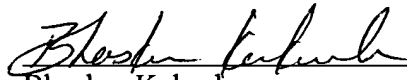
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